

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BELIZE 00199 021434Z  
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05

H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 /088 W

-----088801 021437Z /43

R 011520Z MAR 78

FM AMCONSUL BELIZE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6178

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

USUN NEW YORK 130

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BELIZE 0199

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR PGOV BH GT MX UK

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION MEMBER SUSPENDED FROM HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES

1. OPPOSITION UDP MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
PHILIP GOLDSON WAS SUSPENDED FROM HOUSE AT END OF  
RAUCOUS FEBRUARY 24 SITTING. SUSPENSION IS TO REMAIN  
IN EFFECT FOR REMAINDER OF CURRENT SESSION--I.E., UNTIL  
THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS--OR UNTIL GOLDSON IS ALLOWED BY  
HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REASSUME HIS SEAT.

2. HOUSE ACTION TOOK PLACE FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF BILL  
GIVING VOTE AND OTHER MAJORITY RIGHTS TO 18 YEAR OLDS.  
GOLDSON REPORTEDLY ROSE TO INTRODUCE UDP-SPONSORED  
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR TEN YEAR POSTPONEMENT OF INDE-  
PENDENCE QUESTION AND BEGAN LENGTHY STATEMENT IN SUPPORT  
OF RESOLUTION. WHEN SPEAKER OF HOUSE, WHO HAD GRANTED  
GOLDSON ONLY A FEW MINUTES FOR REMARKS, TRIED TO CUT  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BELIZE 00199 021434Z

HIM OFF, GOLDSON PERSISTED IN ROUGH FASHION (ENTIRE  
DAY APPARENTLY WAS SINGULARLY DEVOID OF PARLIMENTARY  
ETIQUETTE), FINALLY DARING SPEAKER TO "NAME" HIM UNDER  
HOUSE STANDING ORDER WHICH PROVIDES FOR SPEAKER'S CALL-  
ING ATTENTION OF HOUSE TO DISRESPECT ON PART OF A  
MEMBER. THUS GOADED, SPEAKER PREDICTABLY NAMED GOLDSON,  
AND ON PREMIER PRICE'S MOTION, HOUSE SUSPENDED HIM. WHERE-

UPON REMAINING UDP MEMBERS OF HOUSE WALKED OUT.

3. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT, IF ANY STRAIN THESE EVENTS WILL PLACE ON BELIZEAN POLITICS OR INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE. UPSHOT PROBABLY DEPENDS LARGELY UPON LENGTH OF TIME UDP LEADER DEAN LINDO AND OTHER OPPOSITION HOUSE MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO STAY OUT IN SUPPORT OF GOLDSON (WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT SOME POINT SEATS CAN BE DECLARED VACANT) AND/OR WHETHER GOLDSON REINSTATED. SPEAKER OF HOUSE HAS TOLD US INFORMALLY THAT SIMPLE APOLOGY FROM GOLDSON WOULD RESULT IN SPEAKER'S RECOMMENDATION TO HOUSE THAT HE BE REINSTATED. HOWEVER, GOLDSON REPORTEDLY FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT ISSUE, CLAIMING THAT SPEAKER HAD NO RIGHT TO LIMIT TIME TO REMARKS IN FIRST PLACE AND THAT WHOLE EPISODE THEREFORE FOLLOWED FROM SPEAKER'S VIOLATION OF HOUSE PROCEDURES. GOLDSON APPEARS AT THIS POINT TO ENJOY LINDO'S FULL BACKING IN THIS, AND STANDOFF THUS SEEMS IN OFFING.

4. IN UNRELATED DEVELOPMENT UDP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY LIONEL TILLETT ANNOUNCED AT FEBRUARY 27 UDP RALLY THAT LINDO AND PARTY CHAIRMAN MANUAL ESQUIVEL HAD LEFT BELIZE LAST WEEKEND ON MISSION OF IMPORTANCE TO FUTURE OF COUNTRY. DESTINATION AND PURPOSE OF TRIP WERE NOT SPECIFIED, BUT UDP SENATOR KENNETH TILLETT TOLD US NEXT DAY THAT LINDO AND ESQUIVEL HAD GONE TO MEXICO FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 BELIZE 00199 021434Z

FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT UDP POSITION ON INDEPENDENCE.  
WALSH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** CENTRAL LEGISLATURE, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978BELIZE00199  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780095-1011  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BELIZE  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t197803121/aaaadzar.tel  
**Line Count:** 96  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** e5595ebb-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3162049  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION MEMBER SUSPENDED FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**TAGS:** PBOR, PGOV, BH, GT, MX, UK, UDP, (GOLDSON, PHILIP)  
**To:** STATE GUATEMALA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/e5595ebb-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014